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1. LET ME ASSURE THE DEPARTMENT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES, BOTH HERE AND IN CALCUTTA, TO GRANT CONSULAR ACCESS TO THE IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HARCOS AND FLETCHER AS WE BELIEVE DOING SO WOULD BEST GET THIS MATTER SATISFACTORILY CONCLUDED. DCM DAVID SCHEIDER HAS RAISED THE ISSUE AGAIN WITH TEJA.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, I REPEAT I DO NOT FEEL THAT WE SHOULD NOW MAKE A NEW APPEAL AT A HIGH LEVEL AS THIS WILL ONLY SUCCEED IN DELAYING THE TRIAL BY PERHAPS MONTHS. JUDGING FROM OUR CONTACTS AT VARIOUS LEVELS BOTH IN NEW DELHI AND CALCUTTA, THE ODDS ARE SLIGHT THAT WE CAN BRING THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES TO INDUCE THE CALCUTTA PROSECUTION TO RELENT ON OUR REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO THE IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DEFENDANTS THEMSELVES WILL INTRODUCE THE QUESTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS AT THE TRIAL, ND CAUSE A LENGTHY DELAY. IN THIS CASE I WOULD FEEL MORE INCLINED TO PUSH MORE STRONGLY AT A HIGH LEVEL.

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3. ACCORDINGLY I HAVE LET MY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CALCUTTA CONSULATE STAND, UNLESS I HEAR DIFFERENTLY.

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